

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1056

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Laura W. Murphy for her exemplary service as director of the Washington Legislative Office of the American Civil Liberties Union; and

**WHEREAS**, Laura Murphy is leaving the Washington Legislative Office after serving as its director since 1993; she previously worked with the American Civil Liberties Union as a lobbyist on women's rights and civil rights in the Washington office and as development director of the ACLU Foundation of Southern California; and

**WHEREAS**, As director of the national ACLU office, Laura was chief lobbyist and national spokesperson on federal policy matters for the nation's foremost nonprofit and nonpartisan civil liberties advocacy organization; she supervised a staff of 35 and managed the legislative media relations and activism programs that promote the organization's national policies; and

**WHEREAS**, She is noted for her expertise in campaign finance reform, criminal justice issues, free speech issues, and civil liberties implications of antiterrorism measures; and

**WHEREAS**, A Wellesley College graduate, Laura Murphy is the first African American to direct the national legislative office; she is an excellent role model, and her worthy accomplishments reflect her unique abilities and her commitment to defending the civil liberties of all Americans; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Laura W. Murphy for her exceptional achievements and extend to her best wishes in all her future endeavors; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate